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SUBJECT: DEMIREL CONTINUES EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT

BEGIN SUMMARY: PRIMIN DESIGNATE DEMIREL AND NATIONALIST FRONT CONTINUE WORK ON FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT AMID WHAT APPEARS TO BE INCREASED "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" OVER DEFECTIONS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIMIN-DESIGNATE DEMIREL AND THE LEADERS OF THE NATIONALIST FRONT PARTIES MET TWICE ON MARCH 24 TO COMPLETE A REVIEW OF THE DRAFT COALITION PROTOCOL. DEMIREL SAID THAT "WE HAVE NOT WORKED AT ALL ON COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT...WE ARE FIRST TRYING TO WORK OUT WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO AND HOW IT WILL DO IT...THERE ARE PROBLEMS WHICH DISTURB THE CITIZEN VERY MUCH AND HE WANTS TO KNOW FIRST HOW THESE WILL BE SOLVED."

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2. DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) DEPUTY CHAIRMAN KORKMAZCAN STATED

MARCH 24 THAT SINCE DEMIREL AND HIS SUPPORTERS DID NOT CONTROL A MAJORITY, THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO FORM A MINORITY GOVERNMENT AND WERE "THREATENING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS,

A CONTRADICTION OF THEIR PREVIOUS VIEWS. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) SECRETARY GENERAL EYUBOGLU ALSO MADE THE SAME POINTS AND CLAIMED THAT THERE WERE 227 VOTES AGAINST A DEMIREL GOVERNMENT. ON OTHER HAND, TODAY'S (MARCH 25) PRESS WAS MARKED BY A FLURRY OF SPECULATION CONCERNING DP BREAKAWAYS. SEVERAL PAPERS REPORT THAT LEADING DP DISSIDENTS BILGIC, ASAL AND GORSOY (DAUGHTER OF EX-PRESIDENT BAYAR) ARE CONFERRING WITH BAYAR AND REPORTEDLY WILL ISSUE EITHER A STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE NATIONALIST FRONT GOVERNMENT OR WILL BREAK WITH THE DP AND TAKE SEVERAL MORE DP DEPUTIES WITH THEM.

3. COMMENT. THE GENERAL UNCERTAINTY OVER THE OUTCOME OF DEMIREL'S EFFORT TO FORM A GOVERNMENT HAS LED TO AN INTENSIFICATION OF "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" AMONG THE PARTIES, IN THE FORM OF DAILY CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE DP DEFECTIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT, DEMIREL HAS INDICATED, AS HAS THE NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY, THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE THE ONLY SOLUTION IF HIS EFFORT FAILS. THIS "THREAT" OF EARLY ELECTIONS MAY BE AIMED AT WINNING THE ALLEGIANCE, OR AT LEAST THE ABSTENTION, OF DEPUTIES CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR RE-ELECTION PROSPECTS.

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